WHITEFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Chief Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1960

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1960.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District of Whitefield.

July, 1961.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1960 on the health and sanitary conditions of the district.

There has been no unusual outbreak of illness or infection during the year. The adjusted birth rate of 17.4 per thousand of the population is close to the national rate of 17.1. The corresponding figures for the death rate are 12.8 for Whitefield, and 11.5 for England and Wales.

The infant mortality rate was 17.6 per thousand live births which is half the rate for the previous year. A five year average gives a more accurate figure. This is 13.9 which is appreciably better than the national rate of 21.7.

There have been no maternal deaths for five years. No cases of diphtheria have been reported for over ten years, and no deaths from diphtheria have occurred for over twenty years. This is the result of the continued immunisation of babies and young children, who are also given protection against whooping cough, poliomyelitis and tetanus.

Only one new case of respiratory tuberculosis was notified, but there were two deaths.

Measles accounted for the majority of the cases of infectious disease, no outbreaks of food poisoning occurred and there was no poliomyelitis notified. Water and milk supplies were satisfactory.

The Council completed 52 houses during the year and other persons 194.

The number of applicants on the Council's housing list at the 31st December, 1960, was 305. There were 20 applications approved for Standard Grants, none for Improvement Grants and four successful applications for Certificates of Disrepair.

The year saw the first smoke control area come into operation in June. It included 294 dwelling houses, out of a list of 310 premises. The scheme operated smoothly and successfully, and progress is now

being made with the next area.

A volumetric recording apparatus for measuring the atmospheric pollution has been installed for the past two years. The results show that the degree of pollution is considerable.

I would like to thank the Council for their help and advice, and the staff for their loyal service during the year.

I am, Gentlemen, . . .

Your Obedient Servant,

C.H.T. WADE,

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE I - STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Area - 3,386 acres.

Population - Registrar General's estimate of resident population mid 1960 13,600

Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at the end of 1960 4,916

Rateable Value, 1960 . . . . . £160,616

Sum represented by a penny rate, 1960-61 . . . . . £639

TABLE II - VITAL STATISTICS.

		Total	Male	Female	
Live Births	Legitimate	218	116	102	Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population . . 16.7
	Illegitimate	9	8	1	
		227	224	103	
Still Births	Legitimate	7	4	3	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 17.6
	Illegitimate	1	-	1	
		8	4	4	
Deaths (all ages)		151	81	70	Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated average population . . 11.1

Adjusted birth-rate - 17.4 (comparability factor) 1.04
Adjusted death-rate - 12.8 (comparability factor) 1.15

Deaths from Puerperal causes :
Puerperal Sepsis . . . . . Nil.
Other Maternal causes . . . Nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age :
Total : 4 (4 males, nil females).
Legitimate : 4 (4 males, nil females).
Illegitimate : - (Nil).

Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age :
Total : 1 (1 male, nil female).
Legitimate : 1 (1 male " ").
Illegitimate : - (Nil).

Deaths of Infants under one week of age :
Total : 1 (1 male, nil female).
Legitimate . 1 (1 male, nil female).
Illegitimate : - (Nil).

All infants per 1,000 live births 17.6
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 2.35

WHITEFIELD URBAN DISTRICT	Live Births		Deaths - All Causes.		Still-births		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality. Total		Infant Mortality. Neo-Natal.	
	No. regd.	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. regd.	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. regd.	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regd.	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths regd.	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths regd.	Rate per 1,000 live births.
Year 1960	227	16.7	151	11.1	8	17.6	Nil	Nil	4	17.6	1	4.4
" 1959	202	15.2	167	12.5	3	14.6	Nil	Nil	7	34.7	6	29.7
" 1958	200	15.2	174	13.2	5	24.4	Nil	Nil	2	10	2	10.
" 1957	176	13.7	164	12.6	6	32.	Nil	Nil	2	11	2	11
" 1956	165	12.7	166	12.8	3	18.	Nil	Nil	3	18	3	18
" 1955	166	12.8	154	11.9	8	46	1	5.75	6	36	1	36
Average 5 years : 1955-59	-	13.92	-	12.6	-	27	-	1.15	-	21.94	-	20.94

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1960.

	Male.	Female
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	1
Tuberculosis, other	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping cough	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	8	8
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-
Diabetes	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	13
Coronary disease, Angina	16	5
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-
Other heart diseases	13	13
Other circulatory diseases	3	2
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	2	3
Bronchitis	7	3
Other diseases of the respiratory system	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
Congenital malformations	2	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	9
Motor vehicle accidents	-	1
All other accidents	1	3
Suicide	-	-
Homicide and operations of war	-	-
All causes	81	70

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The water supply is obtained from the Irwell Valley Water Board.

Source of supply - upland surfaces.

Supplies to houses :-

From Public Mains -

Number of dwellinghouses ..... 5,061.
Estimated number of population .... 13,500.

From Private Supplies (wells, springs, etc.) -

Number of dwellinghouses ..... 4.
Estimated number of population .... 14.

Examinations made by the Irwell Valley Water Board of the raw water :-

(a) Bacteriological examinations ..... 46.
Results - unsatisfactory without treatment.

Chemical analyses ..... 10.
Results - satisfactory

Water going into supply where treatment is installed :-

(b) Bacteriological examinations ..... 138.
Results - satisfactory..... 138
unsatisfactory ..... nil.

Chemical analyses ..... 30.
Results - satisfactory.

Action taken by the Irwell Valley Water Board in respect of any form of contamination - all water is chlorinated.

Plumbo-solvent action : the water is lime treated.

138 analyses were made with satisfactory results.

Extensions of water mains :-

903 yards of new 3" main; 1,611 yards of new 4" main, and 269 yards of new 6" main.

HOUSING ACTS, 1936 and 1957.

In accordance with the provisions of the above Acts, I submitted 5 Representations in respect of individually unfit houses. In addition, I submitted a Representation in respect of twenty-three houses which were declared Clearance Areas.

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MILK SUPPLY.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949.

Number of registered distributors operating from :-

a) dairies in the district ..... 13.
b) shops in the district other than dairies ..... 24.

The Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Number of dealers' licences (including supplementary licences) issued by the local authority during 1960 in respect of :-

"Tuberculin Tested" Milk ..... 12.

The Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Number of licences issued in respect of heat-treated milk :-

Retail distributors - Pasteurised ..... 34.
Sterilised ..... 45.

Action taken by the local authority in relation to samples taken :

	No. of Samples.	RESULTS.		
		Satis-factory.	Unsatis-factory.	No Result.
(a) Raw Milk :- (i) Tuberculosis biological tests	2	2	-	-
(ii) Methylene Blue reduction test	2	2	-	-
(iii) B. Coli examinations	-	-	-	-
(iv) Sediment tests	-	-	-	-
(b) Heat-treated Milk - (i) Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-
(ii) Pasteurised - Phosphatase test	8	8	-	-
(iii) Methylene Blue test	8	8	-	-
(iv) Sterilised - Turbidity test	4	4	-	-

Results of Ministry investigations by the Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food within the district during the year, arising from notifications of tuberculous milk made by any local authority :-

Number of herds examined by veterinary inspectors ..... Nil.

Number of cases where animals seized under Tuberculosis Order, 1938. Nil.

Number of animals seized ..... Nil.

Number of cases reported negative where animals had been sold prior to investigation ..... Nil.

Number of cases reported negative, no animals seized ..... Nil.

MEAT SUPPLY.

Routine inspection of meat shops has continued. Details are given in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

ICE CREAM.

The number of premises registered for the sale or manufacture of Ice Cream at the close of the year was 34.

Ice Cream is manufactured by one person in the area, whilst the remaining 33 persons purchase their supply from Wholesalers.

BAKEHOUSES, FOOD SHOPS AND FISH FRYERS.

Routine inspections have been made of all the above premises throughout the year. Conditions were found to be satisfactory.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1960.
(after corrections subsequently made either by the notifying medical practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the Infectious Diseases Hospital.)

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.	Total cases at all ages.	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED. AGE PERIODS - YEARS.									
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10	15-	25 and over.	Age Unknown.
Scarlet Fever.	24	-	-	-	2	1	13	7	1	-	-
Whooping Cough.	19	2	1	4	2	1	6	3	-	-	-
Measles (excluding rubella.)	168	4	6	11	16	17	107	4	-	1	2
Dysentery.	20	-	-	-	2	-	7	3	1	3	4

		Under 5 years	5-	15-	45-	65 and over.	Age Unknown.
Acute Pneumonia (primary and influenzal.)	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Tuberculosis - respiratory.	1	-	-	-	1.		-
Food Poisoning.	5	-	1	3	1	-	-

DIPHTHERIA.

Year.	No. of Cases.	No. of Deaths.
1933.	17.	1.
1934.	11.	Nil.
1935.	14.	Nil.
1936.	17.	2.
1937.	14.	1.
1938.	51.	2.
1939.	32.	1.
1940. *	6.	1.
1941.	3.	Nil.
1942.	Nil.	Nil.
1943.	Nil.	Nil.
1944.	4.	Nil.
1945.	5.	Nil.
1946.	Nil.	Nil.
1947.	1.	Nil.
1948.	Nil.	Nil.
1949.	Nil.	Nil.
1950.	⁎ 1.	Nil.
1951 - 1960, inclusive.	Nil.	Nil.

* Immunisation scheme started May, 1940.

⁎ Clinical diagnosis only, not confirmed bacteriologically.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION, 1960.

1. Number of individuals who completed a full course of primary immunisation during 1960 :-

AGE AT DATE OF FINAL INJECTION									
0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	Total under 5 years	5-	10-	Total 5 - 14 incl.	Total aged 15 and over.
145	25	8	1	1	180	27	5	32	-

2. Number of individuals who were given a reinforcement injection during 1960, i.e. subsequent to complete course :

AGE GROUP.				
0-	5-	10-14	Total 0-14 incl.	Total aged 15 and over
169	384	155	708	-

3. Number of children who had completed a course of primary immunisation at any time to the 31st December, 1960. :-

Age at 31.12.60. i.e. born in year	Under 1 1960	1 - 4 1956 to 1959.	5 - 9 1951 to 1955.	10 - 14 1946 to 1950.	Total under 15.
Number immunised :	50	695	828	1029	2,602

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS.

The following table gives the number of children resident in this rea, who completed vaccination against poliomyelitis during the period rd January, 1960 to 31st December, 1960 :-

Born in 1932 or earlier	:	262.
Born between 1933 and 1942	:	41.
Born in 1943	:	.-
Born in 1944	:	1.
Born in 1945	:	2.
Born in 1946	:	-
Born in 1947	:	3.
Born in 1948	:	3.
Born in 1949	:	1.
Born in 1950	:	2.
Born in 1951	:	3.
Born in 1952	:	3.
Born in 1953	:	2.
Born in 1954	:	3.
Born in 1955	:	3.
Born in 1956	:	8.
Born in 1957	:	6.
Born in 1958	:	21.
Born in 1959	:	106.
Born in 1960	:	10.
Total	:	480.

In addition, 971 persons received reinforcment injections in the me period.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47.

No action was deemed necessary under the above section during the year.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Inspections with regard to general hygiene, sanitary accommodation and means of escape in case of fire have been carried out. Close co-operation is maintained with H.M. Inspector of Factories. Details of the inspections are given in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

A report given under Section 128 of the Factories Act, 1937, is appended.

1. Inspections for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises. (1)	Number on Register. (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written notices. (4)	Occupiers prosecuted. (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	10	20	2	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	59	9	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises	-	-	-	-
Total	69	29	2	-

1. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more seperate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector.	Referred By.H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-

Particulars. (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector. (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	5	-	-	-
(c) Not seperate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork.)	-	-	-	-	-
Total : -	5	5	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT
OUTWORK.
(SECTIONS 110 and 111)

NATURE OF WORK	SECTION 110			SECTION 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel) Making) etc.,) Cleaning) and) washing.	1	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household linen	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lace, lace curtains and nets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Curtains and furniture hangings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and upholstery	3	-	-	-	-	-
Electroplate	-	-	-	-	-	-
File making	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brass and brass articles	-	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT - CONTINUED.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Fur pulling	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron and steel cables and chains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron and steel anchors and grapnels	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cart gear	-	-	-	-	-	-
Locks, latches and keys	-	-	-	-	-	-
Umberellas, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Artificial flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nets, other than wire nets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tents	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sacks	-	-	-	-	-	-
Racquets and tennis balls	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paper bags	-	-	-	-	-	-
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brush making	-	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT - CONTINUED.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Pea picking	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feather sorting	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carding, etc., of buttons, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stuffed toys	-	-	-	-	-	-
Basket making	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chocolates and sweetmeats	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cosaques, Christmas stockings, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Textile weaving	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lampshades	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL :	4	-	-	-	-	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE URBAN DISTRICT OF WHITEFIELD.

Health and Cleansing Department,
Town Hall,
WHITEFIELD.

July, 1961.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have the honour to submit my thirty-second Annual Report of the sanitary circumstances of the area, for the year ending 31st December, 1960. The section dealing with cleansing is for the financial year ending 31st March, 1961.

During the period under review, 746 premises were visited, 325 nuisances or defects were discovered, and 328 nuisances or defects abated.

14 Statutory Notices and 186 Informal Notices were served.

In January, 1960, a Technical Assistant commenced duties. He was appointed by the Council for the work in connection with the Clean Air Act. Such appointment has proved of great benefit to the Council and myself, as it has enabled me to devote more time to the necessary and essential duties of the office.

May I express to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and the Chief Officers my appreciation of the assistance and co-operation shown to me during the year. I also wish to record the conscientious and unstinting service given by a loyal staff and body of employees, to whom my thanks are due.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

B. HODGSON.

Chief Public Health Inspector
and Cleansing Superintendent.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Complaints investigated	108.
Bakehouses	20.
Dairies	2.
Slaughterhouse and Knacker's Yard	46.
Food Shops and Street Vendors' premises or vehicles	95.
Factories	29.
Fried Fish Shops	10.
Factories re. smoke	6.
Dwellinghouses - Public Health Acts	33.
Housing Acts	42.
Infectious Diseases	41.
Council Houses	26.
Overcrowding Survey	8.
Housing Tenancy	2.
Re-visits - Public Health Acts	17.
Housing Acts	84.
Drainage Inspections	141.
Piggeries and Stables	13.
Rodent Control	344.
Work in Progress - Public Health Acts	14.
Work in Progress - Housing Acts	32.
Ice-Cream Premises	38.
Shops Act	63.
Cleansing Visits	207.
Miscellaneous	240.
Schools	5.
Licensed Houses	14.
Petroleum Acts	3.
Housing Repairs and Rent Acts	4.
Dwellinghouses disinfected	1.
Dwellinghouses disinfested	20.
Cinemas	1.
Smoke Observations	1.
Smokeless Area	1946.
Caravans	2.
Standard Grants	49.

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED.

	1959	1960
Interior of Houses :-		
Ceilings and walls replastered	2.	15.
Floors repaired or renewed	5.	14.
Dampness abated	11.	9.
Windows repaired or renewed	6.	5.
New sinks fixed	-	-
Sink Waste Pipes renewed or repaired	-	-
Fire Ranges repaired	-	1.
Doors renewed or repaired	2.	3.
Windows made to open	-	5.
Adequate Water Supply provided	3.	5.
Houses cleansed	-	2.
Water Cisterns fixed	-	-
Skirting Boards repaired or renewed	-	-
Stairs repaired	1	-
Exterior of Houses :-		
Roofs repaired	6.	3.
Walls repointed or rendered	6.	14.
Chimneys repaired or rebuilt	-	2.
Eaves Gutters renewed or repaired	4.	6.
Yards repaired or re-paved	-	3.
Rainwater Pipes repaired or renewed	1.	1.
Brickwork repaired	1.	1.
Rainwater Pipes disconnected from drain	1.	-
New Doorsteps fixed	-	-
Paths repaired	1.	1.
Window sills renewed	-	1.
Drainage :-		
Drains cleansed	7.	6.
Drains repaired	2.	5.
Drains reconstructed	-	-
New Glazed Gullies fixed	-	-
Ventilation Shafts repaired	-	1.
Inspection Chambers repaired	2.	1.
Septic Tanks cleansed	-	2.
Inspection Chambers provided	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences :-		
A.C. fittings renewed or repaired	-	1.
W.C. structures repaired or rebuilt	1.	-
W.C. Service Pipes repaired	2.	-
W.C. Pedestals renewed	-	1.
W.Cs. cleansed	-	-
Waste Water Closets repaired	-	-

Miscellaneous :-	1959.	1960.
Dust Bins replaced	302.	201.
Accumulations removed	3.	5.
Nuisance from animals.....	2.	-
Nuisance from insects	-	8.

HOUSING ACTS 1936 and 1957,
RENT ACT, 1957 and
HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959.

In accordance with the established practice, considerable attention has been directed to the duties in connection with the inspection of houses.

Satisfactory progress has been maintained in respect of the ten year programme submitted to the Ministry.

As a result of inspections carried out during the period under review, your Medical Officer of Health submitted representations in respect of thirteen houses in London Street, six houses in Dixon Fold, and four houses in Holly Fold. In consequence of such representations, the Council passed resolutions declaring the aforementioned areas to be Clearance Areas.

Five representations were submitted in respect of individually unfit houses.

Four applications for Certificates of Disrepair were granted four Certificates of Disrepair were issued.

Number of New Houses Erected.

During the year 246 houses were built in the area :-

(i)	by the Local Authority	52.
(ii)	by other bodies or persons	194
		246

Inspections of Dwellinghouses.

1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts) 75

(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose ..... 281.

2) Dwellinghouses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit :-

(a) Number found during the year ..... 14.

3) Number of dwellinghouses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation, but capable of being rendered fit ..... 24.

Houses demolished :-

In Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1957)

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons.	Families
1) Houses unfit for human habitation	1.	40.	18.
2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) of Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Area :-			
4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) of Housing Act, 1957	1.	23.	10.
Unfit houses closed :-			
1) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1), 35 (1), Housing Act, 1957	-	2.	1.
2) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26 of Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957. ..	-	-	-

Unfit houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied :-

	By Owner.	By Local Authority.
1) After informal action by Local Authority	11.	-
2) After formal notice under		
a) Public Health Acts ...	-	-
b) Sections 9 and 16 of Housing Act, 1957 .	-	-
3) Under Section 24 of Housing Act, 1957	-	-

CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR - RENT ACT, 1957.

No. of applications for Certificates	4.
No. of decisions not to issue Certificates	-
No. of decisions to issue Certificates	4.
a) in respect of some but not all defects	3.
b) in respect of all defects	1.
No. of undertakings given by landlords	5.
No. of undertakings refused by local authority	-
No. of Certificates issued	1.
Applications by landlords for cancellation of Certificates ...	1.
Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificates	-
Decisions by local authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objections	-
Certificates cancelled by local authority	1.

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959.

Standard Grants :

Submitted to local authority	20.
Approved by local authority	20.
Works completed	16.

DISINFESTATION.

During the year, as a result of inspections carried out, it was found necessary to treat twenty houses, owing to the infestation of cockroaches. Nineteen houses were sprayed with D.D.T., and the work was carried out by our own staff. A further house was treated for the infestation of bugs. This was treated by private contract.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE FOOD SUPPLY.

It has been noticeable since the operation of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1956, of the great improvement carried out in the field of food hygiene; particularly, by the provision of adequate facilities for shop assistants to wash their hands frequently. This, naturally, leads to a greater standard of personal hygiene.

The increased use of refrigeration, over the past years, has undoubtedly played a very great part in the preservation of the quality of food.

The number of inspections of food premises during the year was 223.

The approximate number of premises where food is sold is 125, and is comprised as follows :-

General grocers and provision dealers	39.
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	8.
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game, etc.)	3.
Meat Shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.)	11.
Bakers and/or confectioners	14.
Fried Fish Shops	8.
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice cream, etc.)	21.
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars, similar catering establishments, etc.	21.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 - SECTION 16.

Number and type of premises registered under the above Act for

Manufacture of meat pies	11.
Preparation of cooked meats	12.
Fish frying	8.
Manufacture or sale of ice cream	34.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GENERAL POWERS) ACT,1951.

REGISTRATION OF HAWKERS OF FOOD.

Fish, fruit and vegetables	8.
Tripe, cooked meats, etc.	1.
Ice Cream	5.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

The provisions of the above Act, relating to the sampling of food for quality, are administered by the Lancashire County Council.

I am indebted to Dr. S.C. Gawne, County Medical Officer of Health, for the following summary of works carried out in this district.

A total of sixty-seven samples was obtained, consisting of forty-four samples of milk (fourteen of which were Channel Islands' milk), and twenty-three other than milk, comprising :-

2 Cooking Fat.
3 Flour.
2 Fish - Canned.
1 Cheese.
1 Vitamin B - Tablets.
1 Liquid Paraffin Emulsion.
1 Blancmange.
2 Tea.
1 Table Jelly.
4 Fruit - Dried.
1 Shredded Beef Suet.
2 Self-Raising Flour.
2 Chocolate Sponge Sandwich.

The following samples were given adverse reports by the County Analyst :-

Type of sample.	Result of Analysis	Action taken.
1 Flour	Contained 490 MGMS creta praeparata per 100 grams flour.	Packers communicated with.
1 Fruit - Dried	Contained four live larvae of cocoa moth.	Stock examined.
1 Chocolate Sponge Sandwich.	Contained 0.59 gramme of material of the nature of a dried and hardened mixture of protein and sugars. The protein was of the nature of Albumen - otherwise genuine.	Complainant and bakers informed.

MILK SAMPLES.

The following table gives details of samples taken and submitted for examination during the year :

Designation.	No. of Samples	Methylene Blue Test.		Phosphatase Test.		No. of samples satis-fying Turbidity Test.	T.B. Pos.	T.B. Neg.
		Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory.	Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory.			
Sterilised ...	4.	-	-	-	-	4.	-	-
Pasteurised ..	8.	8.	-	8.	-	-	-	-
Tuberculin - Tested	2.	2.	-	-	-	-	-	2.
TOTAL :	14.	10.	-	8.	-	4.	-	2.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The following articles of unsound food were condemned and voluntarily surrendered by traders in the area :-

2 Tins of Cooked Ham.	2 Tins of Boneless Chicken.
3 Tins of Ox Tongues.	3 Tins of Lambs Tongues.
14 Tins of Cooked Ham.	3 Tins of Chicken Breast
1 Tin of Tomato Paste.	4 Tins of Pears.
7 Tins of Fruit Salad.	5 Tins of Chopped Pork.
1 Tin of Corned Beef.	5 Tins of Pineapple.
1 Tin of Pork.	12 Tins of Pork Luncheon Meat.
1 Tin of Corned Mutton.	3 Tins of Salmon.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE.

There is one Slaughterhouse in the area, which has been maintained in a satisfactory condition throughout the year.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT.

4 licences were granted in accordance with the above Act.

KNACKER'S YARD.

There is one Knacker's yard in the district, in which the carcases of horses, cattle, sheep and pigs are dealt with in a satisfactory manner.

Frequent inspections of these premises were made and the conditions were found to be satisfactory.

The following table gives details of carcases slaughtered, inspected, and condemned within the area during the year :-

	Cattle excl. Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses
Number killed	6.	9.	3.	-	-	4.
Number inspected	6.	9.	3.	-	-	4.
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci. -						
Whole carcases condemned	1.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1.	2.	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	33.3%	22.2%	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis only. -						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis. -						
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcase submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned ..	-	-	-	-	-	-

BAKEHOUSES.

Twenty inspections were made of the ten bakehouses in the area, which were found to be maintained satisfactorily.

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

The number of ispections carried out during the year by the Council's inspector, and reported upon to the County Medical Officer of Health, was forty-three.

CONTRAVENTIONS.

Failure to exhibit Form 'K', or otherwise supply a copy to each person affected - 2.

DRAINAGE AND SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

The following table gives details of the sanitary accommodation in the area on the 31st December, 1960 :-

Privy closets	-	4.
Pail closets	-	11.
Privy middens	-	3.
Fresh water closets	-	5,201.
Waste water closets	-	64.
Dust bins	-	5,376.

REGISTER OF FACTORIES.

Bleaching, Dyeing and Finishing, etc.	5.
Bakehouses	10.
Sweet Manufacturing	2.
Gas Appliances	1.
Towel and Tape Weaving	4.
Joiners and Builders	9.
Plumbing	6.
Cycle Repairing	1.
Plastics	1.
Electrical Repairs	1.
Blacksmiths	1.
Furniture Manufacturing, etc.	1.
Motor Engineering	3.
Tailoring and Pressing	3.
Rubber Works	1.
Boot Repairing	4.
Wood Turning	1.
Boot Lace Finishing	1.
Paper Cutting	1.
Fibre Dressing	1.
Radiator Repairs	1.
Clothing Manufacture	1.

INFESTATION ORDER, 1943.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The campaign for the eradication of rats and mice received the same diligent attention as in previous years. On the whole, satisfactory results were achieved.

There are two employees trained in the recognised technique of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Their services and advice are available for dealing with any complaints or infestations thay may occur.

The Council continued to operate a free service for infestations of rats and mice in private dwellings.

It will be seen form the following table that forty-four dwelling houses were treated for infestations of rats or mice.

The Council's refuse tip and sewage works have been kept under constant supervision, and necessary treatments were carried out as required.

There was one sewer treatment carried out during the year.

The following table gives details of the work carried out in the area, with the exception of sewer treatments :-

	TYPE PF PROPERTY.			
	Non-Agricultural			Agricultural.
	Dwelling-houses, incl. Council houses. (1)	All others including business premises. (2)	Total of Cols. (1) & (2). (3)	(4)
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District.	5,031	201.	5,232	23.
2. Number of properties inspected as a result of :- (a) Notification. (b) Survey under the Act, or (c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose.)	44.	133.	177	23.
3. Total inspections carried out - including re-inspections.	135.	162.	297.	30.
4. Number of properties inspected (in Sec.2.) which were found to be infested by :-				
(a) Rats - major.	-	-	-	-
Rats - minor.	18.	5.	23.	1.
(b) Mice - major.	-	-	-	-
Mice - minor.	26.	-	26	-
5. Number of infested properties (in Sec. 4) treated by Local Authority.	44.	5.	49.	1.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

There are no premises in the area used for the manufacture of rag flock or other filling materials, but one is registered for the use of the filling materials.

MOVABLE DWELLINGS.

There are no camping or caravan sites in the district.

GAME ACT, 1831.

One licence to deal in game was granted by the Council.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

The Council is a member of the Manchester and District Regional Clean Air Council, and also of the South-East Lancashire and North Cheshire Consultative Committee for the Investigation of Atmospheric Pollution.

The Council is represented on such bodies by Councillor L. Donn, the Medical Officer of Health, and the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Your Chief Public Health Inspector is Deputy Chairman of the Manchester and Regional Clean Air Council.

On January 1st, 1960, a Technical Assistant commenced duty in the Department to deal with matters arising out of the Clean Air programme.

The first Smoke Controlled Area came into operation on 1st June, 1960, and the number of premises involved was 310, covering an acreage of 324. It is pleasing to report that the public, in general, co-operated with the Department in achieving the desired object.

Work also commenced on the survey of Number 2 Smoke Controlled Area, which comprises 822 premises, covering an acreage of 1,380.

The industrialists have co-operated with the Department throughout the year, with a view to reducing emissions of smoke to a minimum.

One factory changed over from coal-burning to oil-fired boilers.

STORAGE OF PETROLEM AND PETROLEUM SPIRIT.

Licences were granted for the keeping of petroleum spirit to which the Petroleum Acts apply.

Two licences were granted for the keeping of cellulose solution. Each licence is granted for the period of twelve months, from 1st April to 31st March.

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE.

Collection and Disposal of Household Refuse.

The subject matter of this section of the report deals with the financial year ending 31st March, 1961, as distinct from the rest of the report, which is distinct from the report ending 31st December, 1960.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

The collection of refuse has proceeded satisfactorily throughout the year, and a weekly collection has been maintained except during holiday periods, notwithstanding, staffing difficulties.

In the early part of the year, a 16 cubic yard "Fore and Aft" vehicle replaces the Fordson Jeckta which had been in operation since 1949.

The advent of the new vehicle has played a great part in meeting the ever increasing changes in the character of refuse, owing to its greater capacity and improved consolidation of the loads.

The number of men engaged in refuse collection, and vehicles employed are as follows:-

1 "Fore and Aft" vehicle with driver - 6 loaders.

1 Karrier Game-Cock Side Loader with driver and 2 loaders.

1 Three Cubic Yard Electric Vehicle with driver, (used for collection, salvage and food waste).

FOOD WASTE.

The amount of food waste collected during the year was 48 tons 3 cwt., a reduction of 29 tons as against last year. This reduction was due to the Council's decision to cease the practice of a seperate collection of food waste from domestic dwellings.

DUST BIN MAINTENANCE.

The scheme in the maintenance of dust bins which was inaugurated in June, 1950, has continued to function in a satisfactory manner.

The number of bins replaced during the year was 208 which was 173 less than those replaced during the previous year. It is gratifying to report that the estimate was not expended.

The benefits derived from a dust bin maintenance scheme are many, the main one being the replacement of defective dust bins of a recognised standard within reasonable time.

In addition to the aforementioned replacements, 68 bins were sold privately to purchasers of new houses.

SALVAGE.

The work of salvage collection has proceeded on similar lines to previous years, the ever increasing use of pre-packed goods has reflected itself in the materials to be collected.

The coming into operation on 1st June of the Council's first Smokeless Area also resulted in more salvage material.

During the year an electric supply was installed in the salvage baling shed, and an electric waste paper baling machine was installed.

This method of baling is a great improvement on the old method of manual baling.

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

Disposal is carried out at Spring-Waters Tip. Controlled tipping is practised and a suitable insecticide powder is frequently used with a view to extermination of flies and other insects.

REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF RESIDUALS.

	Tons.	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lb.	£.	s.	d.
Baled Waste Paper...	175.	18.	2.	14.	1,231.	10.	5.
Food Waste.....	48.	3.	-	-	186.	11.	11.
Scrap Iron.....	-	-	-	-	20.	0.	0.
Rags.....	-	7.	-	-	3.	10.	0.
Woollens.....	-	1.	1.	-	2.	10.	0.
				TOTAL =	£1,444.	2.	4.